"Problems and Prospects of Botanical Pesticides in Integrated Pest Management" held at Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajamundry on 21st and 22nd January, 1990.

(b) Does not arise.

List of Biological agents

131. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state,-

(a) whether a list of various Biological agents developed in the country indicating the pest against which it, is successful and the crops it protects has been compiled; and

(b) if not, whether the same would be compiled at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Salmonella epidemic affecting poultry in Haryana

132, SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news reports about the salmonella epidemic which has affected poultry in Haryana and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has undertaken any studies to ascertain the prevalence of this disease and if so, what are the findings thereof and the follow-up action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) Yes Sir. It has been reported that the poultry farms in Gurgaon were showing an alarming incidmice of Salmonella infection and scores of chicken were dying everyday. It was based on the investigations carried out by Haryana Agricultural University's diagnostic centre at Gurgaon.

(b) Experts from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar and National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi carried out investigations in and around Gurgaon. A National Seminar on this issue was held at New Delhi on 5th October, 1990 under th$_e$ aegies of Delhi Veterinary Association wherein leading scientists working on this problem participated. It was concluded that looking into the incidence of the disease, research development efforts for its control and ultimate eradication should be strengthened.

In accordance with the recommen-dation, action for continuous surveillance and monitoring of Salmonella infection in various poultry farms and hatcheries all over the country has been taken.

Progress made in the construction of Talcher-Sambalpur railway line

133. SHRi JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has heen made in the construction of Talcher-Sambalpur line in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to take up the construction work simultaneously from Sambalpur side;

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon; and

(d) the date by which that line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The progress has been made as under:

(i) Physical progress : 27.15%
(upto November, 1990) (ii) Financial progress . : 19-2%
(upto November, 1990)

(b) and (c) The work is in progress simultaneously from both sides.

(d) Its completion will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Development to Puri-Konark Marine Drive

134. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop Puri-Konark marine drive on the lines of Miami beach to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposals in this regard pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has neither received any proposals to develop Puri-Konark marine drive on the lines of Miami beach to attract foreign tourists nor is marine drive an approved plan scheme of the Ministry for financial assistance.

(b) and (c> The project has been taken up by the State Government in the State sector.

Steps **taken for the Development of Nondankanon Zoo in Orissa**

135. SHRi JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the development of Nondankanon Zoo in Orissa;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in this direction during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government cf Orissa have submitted any fresh proposal f'or the development of that zoo during 1990-91;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the Central assistance granted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI) USHA SINGH: (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Modification in National Tourism Policy

136. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKAR BHATT: Will the Minis-ter of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Deccan Herald, dated the 19th September, 1990, under the caption "National Tourism Policies demanded";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Travel Congress organised by the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) which represents all sections of the Industry including hoteliers, travel agents, air liners, tour operators and State Corporations had demanded to enunciate a National Tourism Policy with emphasis on creating a separate cadre;

(c) if so, what are the demands of the Indian travel congress; and

(d) what are Government's views on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI) USHA SINGH: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indian Travel Congress organised by the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) resolved that the National Committee Report on Tourism be implemented both by Central and State Governments, with particular attention to the reorganisation of the Departments of Tourism in the Centre and creating a separate cadre.

(d) The Central Government has already implemented almost all the major recommendations contained in the report of the National Committee on Tourism. The Government also considered the proposal for the establishment of a National Tourism Board and a separate tourism, cadre. However, as the proposal involved addi-

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